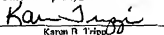


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2002. A three month extension of time is believed needed for this response and the Commissioner is authorized to charge same to undersigned's credit card. A credit card charge form for this purpose is attached. In the event that the charge cannot be completed, the Commissioner is authorized to charge this fee to the undersigned's deposit account, 50-0807. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge the undersigned's credit card or deposit account with any fees due for the amendments herein.

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